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1. EMBASSY FIRST RECEIVED REFTEL (A) JUNE 28. WE HAVE
THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON THE THREE CASES PROPOSED IN THAT
MESSAGE.

2. WE CONCUR IN THE AWARD OF THE LEGION OF MERIT (DEGREE
OF OFFICER) FOR CAPTAIN ADOLFO GREGORIO ALVAREZ-ESPINO
(REFTEL (A), PARA 1). WE ARE NOW AWAITING CONCURRENCE
IN THIS CASE FROM THE SPANISH NAVY.

3. IN THE CASE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ANGEL GONZALEZ
HERRERO (REFTEL (A), PARA 2), WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A
DECORATION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME SINCE HE IS
STILL WORKING ON THE SAME PROJECT (PROJECT COMBAT GRANDE).
SINGLING HIM OUT AMONG THE SPANISH OFFICERS WHO HAVE WORKED
ON THIS PROJECT COULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD OR CAUSE RESENTMENT.
WE RECOMMEND THAT A DECORATION FOR GONZALEZ BE HELD IN
ABEYANCE UNTIL HE HAS MOVED TO A NEW POSITION NOT PART OF
THE COMBAT GRANDE PROJECT.

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4. IN THE CASE OF GENERAL VEGA, WE ASSUME THAT THE AWARD
FOR HIM WAS TO HAVE BEEN CONFERRED DURING HIS PLANNED TRIP
TO THE US. THE CANCELLATION OF THAT TRIP AND HIS SUB-
SEQUENT RESIGNATION LEAD US TO CONCLUDE THAT THE DEPART-
MENT'S REQUEST MAY BE REGARDED AS OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS.

5. A SEPARATE EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION, THAT ON ADMIRAL

BUHIGAS (REFTEL (C), REMAINS UNANSWERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
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